

# DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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## SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DIVISION

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Dear Property Owner:

The County of San Bernardino has created a special service for fire-impacted properties. Those who sign up to participate in the County's Fire Debris Cleanup Program will receive, free of charge, the following services between July 26, 2006 and October 31, 2006:

- Removal of asbestos and other hazardous materials
- Disposal of fire debris (once it is placed at the public right-of-way)
- Towing/disposal of burned vehicles
- Issuance of demolition permit

**PLEASE NOTE:** If you elect NOT to participate in the program, it will be the property owner's responsibility as required by law, to perform appropriate debris removal and abatement and to bear costs of same. Disposal of debris which has not been cleared through the County's program may not be brought to the Landers Sanitary Landfill.

In addition, please be aware that a Temporary Use Permit is required if a motor home or temporary residence is to be placed on the property while debris removal, demolition and reconstruction takes place. This permit is the responsibility of the property owner to obtain. See contact information below.

### HOW TO APPLY FOR THE FIRE DEBRIS CLEANUP PROGRAM

Enclosed with this letter are the **Participation/Right of Entry Form** and the **Demolition Permit Application**. Please fill out the forms, sign and return to the County of San Bernardino (either by hand delivery to the Building and Safety Office at 57407 Twentynine Palms Outer Highway South, Yucca Valley or via mail to program coordinator Suzan Garrido at Solid Waste Management Division, 222 W. Hospitality Lane, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, San Bernardino, CA 92415-0017). Copies of the forms can also be downloaded from the Solid Waste Management Division website at [www.sbcounty.gov/wsd](http://www.sbcounty.gov/wsd). **Participation and Right of Entry forms must be completed and received by the Solid Waste Management Division by August 11, 2006. Do not wait for that date, as cleanup can proceed sooner.**

### REMOVAL OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

It should be noted that the County's landfills cannot by law accept any hazardous waste, including asbestos, and will reject any privately-hauled fire debris that has not been certified to be free of same (including asbestos). Therefore, the County will first provide hazardous waste abatement service free of charge to insure public health and safety during the cleanup process.

During the week of August 1, 2006, the County will begin a hazardous waste assessment and removal program on private properties. Hazardous waste, such as asbestos, is commonly found in building materials for buildings constructed prior to 1984. Asbestos is a carcinogen that has been known to cause lung cancer. Because of its fire-resistant fibers, airborne asbestos is a primary concern in the fire ash and debris. Therefore, the County will provide free assessment and abatement for this substance as well as other hazardous material.

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## **DISPOSAL OF FIRE DEBRIS**

Once hazardous waste has been abated, the property owner should bring the debris to the edge of the roadway, and place it in three separated piles:

- Metals, including appliances and fencing, but excluding propane tanks (propane suppliers should be contacted to remove and secure propane tanks and lines)
- Inert materials, including incidental broken concrete, masonry, roof tiles, tires (i.e., inert construction material that does not contain lead based paint); and
- All other ash, glass, lumber, and other burned or fire damaged debris that has been cleared by the hazardous waste collection team.

The County will pick up the material at the edge of the road right of way, at no charge to the participant. The County will offer two periods, each lasting seven days, for pickup of the various materials. The first pickup schedule will be approximately two weeks after the asbestos/hazardous material abatement has been completed. The second pickup has not been scheduled at this time.

► Helpful phone numbers are provided below:

## **DEBRIS REMOVAL PROGRAM**

**Register with the Debris Removal Program** to get free debris removal assistance: Public Works Department - Solid Waste Management Division (coordinating agency) – Debris Coordinator, Suzan Garrido (909) 386-8759.

## **DEMOLITION AND TEMPORARY USE PERMITS**

A **Temporary Use Permit** is required if a motor home or temporary residence is to be placed on the property. A **Demolition Permit** is required to allow debris removal. Building and Safety Division Office at 57407 Twentynine Palms Outer Highway South, Yucca Valley, telephone number (760) 228-5430.

## **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL**

The County will be removing this waste type from private property free of charge during the asbestos assessment and abatement. For more information, contact the Debris Coordinator, Suzan Garrido at (909) 386-8759.

## **BURNED VEHICLE REMOVAL**

The County will remove burned vehicles at no charge the property owner. The property owner may either register with the County Debris Removal Program for this service, or contact Mike Romage, Code Enforcement at (760) 228-5499. Legal forms are required to participate in this program.

The County is dedicated to providing the highest possible quality service during this time. Therefore **it is strongly encouraged that interested property owners register with the Debris Removal Program** to receive full benefits. Debris Coordinator, Suzan Garrido (909) 386-8759.

Sincerely,



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Solid Waste Management Division/Lead Agency for County of San Bernardino Debris Management Program